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Sir:

In compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449 is a list of references known to Applicants and/or their Attorney/Agent; copies of these documents are submitted herewith. Included among these references are publications that were identified in International Search Reports issued in related PCT applications; copies of these publications are submitted herewith, except for the reference identified as AB on the form PTO-1449 (U.S. Patent No. 5,699,801 to Atalar et al), which was disclosed in the Information Disclosure Statement filed June 5, 2001 and references identified as AD (EP 0 908 739 A2), AE

(EP 0 659 385 A1) and AG (Atalar et al.: "High Resolution Intravascular MRI...) which were

disclosed in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed February 19, 2002.

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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached Form 1449.

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Respectfully submitted,

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